

Wichita's Seven Thousand Dollar Whack.

There is something rotten somewhere, when the taxpayers and property owners of a community can be legally robbed for daring to make it pleasant for their neighbors. There is something wrong with legislation, or with the courts, or with both, when a town can be forced to pay enormous sums of money to cover partial, supposed or constructive injuries caused by an imperfect sidewalk. The property owners of Wichita were ordered, night before last, to put up seven thousand dollars, besides the costs, amounting to some three thousand dollars more, and for what! The industrious business man, the hopeful home-owner, and the enterprising lot-investor build sidewalks for the convenience of themselves and their neighbors, and for the very laudable purpose of making life more comfortable, rendering the home environment more attractive and adding value to their mutual possessions. Accident or a kindlingwood thief ensues, and there is a missing board. Before it is replaced, stubbing along in the dark, comes some limpy man, who might better be at home in bed, or, maybe, some other nobedy who neither builds nor owns sidewalks, and runs a leg through the hole, causing permanent concussion of the brain and an instantaneous comminuted compound fracture of the vertabrae, and straightway a cent per cent jackleg lawyer is looked up and the city is sued for a greater sum of money than the plaintiff's family had ever dreamed of in seven generations. A jury of court house loafers, or of prejudiced out-of-town residents, does the rest, and the enterprise of honest citizenship has been handlcapped and the individual taxpayer pillaged in the name of justice. Sidewalks, whether constructed upon compulsion or built otherwise, become the property of the public, and no individual member of that commonality, whether a loafer, indigent sniffler, or property owner, should have any legal claims for damages for injuries received, directly or indirectly, because of his own negligence or any negligence upon the part of the officers whom he had helped to elect, certainly not beyond the amount of the doctor's bill and at, tendance. If seven thousand dollars be the true sum of the damage that the average spine can sustain by running a leg through the hole of a broken sidewalk, then the spine value of the city of Wichita foots up \$175,500,000, to say nothing of the sprained ankles, rump contusions and the con-cussed brains of resourceless plaintiffs and their impecunlous attorneys.

A Hot Time in Luzon.

The situation around Manila is gradually growing hotter as is the weather. It is very evident from the dispatches Aguinaldo and destroying his army. It is easy to send such tions to an officer in the field, but it is quite another have a hot time in the Philippines.

Gomez Squelches the Pretenders.

Gomez effectually squeiches the so-called Cuban assembly, wiping out every vestige of claim that it pretended of power or respectability. Gomez in his reply to their decapt. order reminds the members of that junta that he to criticise it or suggest a greater sum. General Brooke should disperse the crowd.

lan Maclaren on Woman Suffrage.

The reverend remander of Scotin's heath does not believa in female suffrage. He concedes woman's influence. right, or the excession that she will cast an intelligent vote. These are conveded. Women make the greatest sacrifices. The people are fired, and a tired people never go to war, of the world, but through them she reaches ineffable graces, not only, but demonstrates her superiority over man, and

The Philippines Will Prove Profitable.

The anti-expansionist papers are raising the pecuniary objection that governing the Philippines will cost more than the new trade will warrant or than can be realized out of ful for a school-marm to kiss the larger boys. Occasionally ired poet. The Springfield, Massachusetts, Rewis that the import trade of the Philippines is York on the principle that if an expert can not be cock-sure 000 000 annually and that it would cost Uncle Sain from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 to govern them. Such a view is States a dollar. Besides, without any reference to their import trade, the latest Spanish Philippine budget shows a coffins. Their idea was to keep it dead quiet. total revenues for the your 1885 of \$12,575 mm) and expenditures rule, the islands paid an excess of \$5,000,000. The Philippines nor Cuba nor Porto Rico will in the end cost this government I line written in ve-

nothing in dollars and cents, the cost of the war and the \$20,000,000 indemnity included. Upon the other hand, they will prove sources of national wealth.

Some Kansas Railroad Figures,

The Kansas state board of railway commissioners have made their last report, the commission to be soon succeeded by the court of visitation. The following figures from the eport referred to are interesting. Nearly 100,000 persons are employed by these railroads. A short synopsis of the statistical portion of the report is as follows: The railroads of Kansas are espitalized at the rate of \$57,680 per mile. The rallway mileage in the state is 33,543.89 miles. Of the total apitalization, \$836,842,518 is for capital stock, \$744,268,751 for funded debt and \$640,056,058 is in the shape of current Habillties, making a total capitalization of \$1,621,167,329. The Santa Fe heads the list with the largest net income. Its surplus was \$3,558,608.52; the Rock Island, \$1,683,540.09; the Union Pacific, \$1,225,337.75, and the Missouri Pacific \$1,065,-353.22. The gross carnings of all the railroads in Kansas who was the primary cause of it all; but was \$12.617.240.54. The gross operating expenses amounted to \$21,600,121.36, making a total net income of \$10,502,726.75. The total number of employes in all departments, including general officers, 91,339, at an average daily compensation of Number of passengers carried earning revenue, 24,659,991; average distance carried, 48.74 miles. Revenue received from each passenger, \$1.05; received from each passenger per mile, 2.156 cents. Tons of freight carried earning revenue, 53,523,363; average distance hauled, 172,66 miles; average receipt for each ton, \$2.03. Gross carnings per mile old man, or tottering by, some superannuated gossippy wo- of road, \$5,380.74; operating expenses per mile of road,

The Real Rough Riders' Commander.

Not Roosevelt, but one Dr. Wood, was the real colonel ommanding the Rough Riders. The present governor of New York was his lieutenant colonel. Dr. Wood is now a major general and the manner in which the now military governor of Santiago has been forwarded and favored by the fortunes of war illustrates the saying that "He who takes your orders today may be your commander tomorrow. Just a little more than two years ago the present military covernor of Santiago was surgeon of the Fifth regular infantry, with the rank of captain, and after he had left the service to practice medicine in civil life at Washington he was remembered fondly by the entire regiment as an officer who was fond of athletics, especially football and wrestling. At the opening of the late war he was appointed colonel of the Rough Riders, and for gallant and efficient services rendered he serned his present rank and appointment. During the entire war the Fifth was the only regular infantry regi. ment that did not have a chance to see service, but after the protocol had been signed and the fighting troops were being sent home the Fifth was detailed to guard duty at Santiago under General Wood. So it happens that General Wood's old colonel is under his command, as are also other officers who used to rank him when he was only a captain.

There Will be a New Pope Soon.

Leo XIII is very aged and the conflicting dispatches as to the physical condition of the aged prelate only too surely indicate his near demise. He has reigned longer than any of be, his work is done. It is conceded that his successor will be an Italian. The great majority of the college of cardinals who choose the occupants of the chair of St. Peter are Italians. In that fact the Roman church is weakened. Italy is no longer either a progressive nation or a first-class power. But one Anglo-Saxon, we believe, ever filled the posticifical place. The Italian cardinals will never consent to the election of an English or American Pope, and the non-Italians lack the requisite votes. The favorite Italian candidates are Cardinal Luigi Oreglia and Cardinal Vannutelli Serafino, tin' better." The former is a Piedmontese, seventy-one years of age, and endless skirmishing. General Lawton has received instruc- derger of the sacred college. He has held high ecclesiastical offices, is of noble family and has had diplomatic experience in Portugal and Holland. As the chemberlain of the church during the interregnum between the death of Leo XIII, and the opening of the conclave he would be called upon to direct the affairs of the church. Cardinal Serafino is six years answered the woman. Then, in hurrie younger than Cardinal Oregila, and was born in the neighbor-hood of Rome. He has held high church offices and served as a the door closed on her portly form.

As the door closed on her portly form. as he can perfect a plan for doing the work. But until | bood of Rome. He has held high church offices and served as Ecuador and Peru. He is said to possess in a remarkable de- God!" gree the quality of prudence, which, combined with his learning and piety, has won for him the esteem of many of his colleagues.

Hohenzollern's Idiosyncracies.

A Berlin correspondent of the Chicago Record has been elling in an interesting and instructive way of the life of Emperor William, whose idiosyncracles in interesting Europe terest in the things that ordinarily interest men. In fact he indulges in rousing times and drinks beer like a German to the manner born. Although a good fellow on a hunting trip, on his guests. Should be happen to spy an officer waltzing awkwardly he summons him and says: "Take advantage live," said the nurse, studying the white, anxious face before her. "Are you a between this and the next ball to learn to dance properly; friend? She has no relatives, I think." otherwise you need not expect another invitation." Nor are the members of the fair sex exempt from this scarcely gallant ensure. Germans involuntarily contrast their present ruler's ball room demeanor with his grandfather's simple and affable amiability on similar occasions. The old kalser, his face beaming with contentment and happiness, mingled with his
sound of merry laughter, and her gase
wondered to the daffolis; a leavest me the ing with contentment and happiness, mingled with his

All the witnesses differ in regard to the beef except on one point-that no chemicals were used. None of them ever heard of chemicals. Eagan from seclusion is beckoning

There is much sheet lightning in Cuba, but no danger The electricity has been worn out of Cuba by long wars.

Bryan has jacked up Perry Belmont, one of the Four Hundred Democrats of New York City. The country will not turn their tear-faucets for that.

Next to Queen Victoria and the Emperor of China, Kiping is the most exclusive man on earth. He will not let his letters of sympathy be published.

the courts are human. The handwriting experis are still after Molineaux in New

Mrs. George's trial at Canton comes off next month. On ount of its prominence the trial will become a precedent

case in the Philippines may reveal to us that it is a good deal easier to whip an army that it is a mob If the police force down in Havana gets real hot it

liable to break loss and whip the Cuban army. Von Diedrich, who had Dewey sweating under the collar, was not bounced. He was simply refired.

The insurgents tried to smuggle rifles into Manila

General Gemen says he recognizes but one power in Cubs -that of the United States. Whoorny! General Brooks should not dissolve the Cuban assembly.

Let it whom itself to sleep. Consider II. People sent messages of sympathy to Kip"Tho Daffodils,"

He had just moved into his new lodg-ing and had endeavored to make the bare, erless rooms a little more homelike, though the photographs were scat-d about, his piperack nailed over the mantel shelf, surmounted by a neat and effective border of unpaid bills, sundry writs, and county court notices, he was yet unsatisfied with the general effect.
Of course, there was a vast difference
between the luxurious quarters in Murray Hill which he had just vacated and these small, stiffing rooms, with their cheap horsehair furniture, but he was

omewhat of a philosopher, and his motte was to go with the tide.

This time, however, the current had been too strong, and he found himself at last stranded with a beggarly allowance of the handsome fortune that had once

The fault was entirely his own. He frankly admitted it, though most men would have laid the blame on the woman

he did not condemn her. He had also been to blame. She was poor, and he made love to her under false colors—had led her to believe he was poor government clerk at a salary of \$700 a year. His object at first had been purely for his own amusement, but she was not the kind of woman to be a man's plaything, and the game had ended n deadly earnest

Therefore, it was with some terpidation that he had written confessing that which he had concealed from her, and asking her to marry him. He was scarcely pre pared, however, for the curt reply that same: "I am going away today. Good-

Mechanically he opened the drawer of the writing table by which he stood. It was full of papers and little womanly trifles, evidently the property of the form-er occupant of the room. Unconsciously he commenced to read the paper in his hand—the writing was blurred and irregu-lar, as though by some one in ill-health: "What do I think of you today? It

seems as though you must be near, or is it because it is springtime, and my room is full of yellow daffodlis? I am writing letter to you, one that you will never ceive-for all I know you may be dead -even married. It does not seem so long since we met, though I know it was years ago. I wonder if you would be glad to know that today I am thinking of you—that out of the desolate gray comes a vague, sweet dream that brings you near to me. Tomorrow it will be winer again-winter in my heart-and I shall ear up this letter; but today the dreariless has faded. There is no touch of scorn to freeze my heart, no kisses cold as death to chill my lips—no slience that aches round me with its worldless pain.

. I hear the whisper of spring that breathes of hope, I feel the touch of clinging hands—your hair against my cheek-whom I might know were I to meet you now—do you doubt my love. that you let me go out if your life with-out a word or a sign that you cared—" Here the writing terminated abruptly. The reader stood as in a dream, staring straight before him into the dingy street. Her handwriting! It was as though a ghost had risen to confront him.

A knock at the door aroused him from his stuper, and the landlady bustled in with the tea tray; her quick eyes caught sight of the open drawer. "Good laws, I meant to clear that out, sir!" she exclaimed, "but the poor young lady being taken away so sudden like, clean drove It out o fmy head." "Is-is she dead?" he faltered. A deadly fear had taken possession of him, his

face paled to an ashen hue.
"Lor" no, leastsways not yet," said the
good woman, cheenfully. "I went to see
her last week at the 'orpital, but the octors don't give any hope of her get-

As she spoke she swept the contents of the drawer into her apron, and he winced at the sight-to him it seemed like dese-cration, and his hand slosed convulsively on the letter he held.

"Which hospital was she taken to?" he asked, steadying his voice with an effort.

God!" he groaned, "a whole week has passed; she may be dead!" ward was bright with spring flowers, and brighter faces lit up by that pathetic.

wistful expectancy characteristic of the sick. There was an eager hum of voices, too, hushed occasionally by an admonishing word from the nurse In charge, the same ward, railed off by a curtained screen from the other patients, a girl lay No visitor everon me for her an where she had once lodged, but oowl of fresh daffodlis where her tired byes could see them on awakening. The loctor gave no hope of the patient's recovery, and so, with womanly pity, she should be made one too. nurse, in kindly sympathy, had placed a bowl of fresh daffodils where her tired eyes could see them on awakening. The tried to make the girl's last days as happy as possible. Before the afternoon was to see No. 20, "She is not expected to "Yes-a friend. That is, I knew her years ago," he said hesitatingly. "Perhaps you had better break it to her first;

As the nurse went back the girl opened crept into her eyes. "Who brought me the flowers, nurse?" she asked in a kind of preathless wonder, and a sudden idea took possession of the nurse. "A gentleman, a friend who knew you nears ago," she a friend who knew you nears ago," she conied. A deep flush dvod the girl's white cheeks. "Is he here", she said eagerly, and the white, wasted hands opened and closed convulsively.

"Yes, and if you'll records."

nutes," said the nurse, soothingly, and the bed. "Damaris!" he said, and the

iri touched his rough curls. "You have ome back," she whispered with half incredulous joy; the nurse dropped the cur-tain and left them together.
"I knew you had come when I saw the daffodes," she went on with a tremor of

eagerness. "Den't you remember how we met in the time of daffodlis, and how took the little trembling hand and kissed them passionately. "You didn't receive my letter that I wrote six years

ago asking you to marry me and telling how I had deceived you," he said. "Did you deceive me? It doesn't mater," she smiled; "nothing matters now ou have come back to me."

will got better, Damaris," he pleaded, "for my sake, sweetheart, though God She took his face in her two hands. "How could I die and leave you all sione?" she saked pathetically. Thus after many years they took up the severed thread of their lives, and love, who will not be denied," smoothed out

He kissed the small white face. "You

Tradition.

se tangle and wove in its stead his golden

McQuestion-Evidently you had met Miss Mellows before you were introduced to her this afternoon.

Atwood-Oh, yes, she wheeled me around in a haby carriage forty years

McQuestion-Do you think she rememers the circumstance? Atwood-Well, she said she had often eard about my little carriage and how her great-grandmother used to push it for Outlines of Oklahoma

Hennessey should stand by its young statesman, Stevens. He is a comer. D. B. Terrill of Pawnee county, is dead. He was 5 years old and leaves a wife and hEd.

The Frisco has made a proposition to to Blackwell from Arkansas City for \$13,000.

City and during the late war he was non-The Okurche Times says that the deep

ever invented.

Mrs. Philip Bartle of Augusta, Woods unty, and her baby were buried in one

The best thing the legislature did was the passing of the appropriation for the Roy Cashion monument.

The Guthrie Leader thinks there is n danger of Governor Barnes calling that legislature in special session. Secretary Jenkins expects that McKinley will refuse to appoint Barnes governo

again and will appoint Jenkins. Carl Brown, the leather-coated son-in law of Coxey, has hove up at Enid. He travels in a long cabin mounted on wheels. Governor Barnes should wipe the gore off his veto and hand it over to Will Lit tle as a contribution to the historical col-

Amos Dwing renders up thanks every day that the organic act does not stipu-late that a legislature shall be elected

yearly. Dennis Flynn has got to pass the fre homes bill at the coming sess gress or the thing will be an issue again in the next campaign.

It is reportedt hat Biddison's friends unknown to him, have hired a body guard to follow him up and protect him from assaults. Oh, heavens.

The Stillwater Gazette calls the last legislature the most complete failure in many respects of any legislature ever assembled in Oklahoma.

Tom Butler was a rugged, good old soul, who had seen a great deal of the world and the west. His many friends will regret to hear of his death.

The Ponca City Courier does not believe that there are microbes in kisses, but says that it has known of men to be paralyzed from kissing other men's wives.

Some of the papers are calling that wind storm at Oklahoma City a tornado The Oklahoma papers should quit this The tornado yarn keeps thousands of settlers out of the west.

William Pollock, the Rough Rider who died of pneumonia, was burned by the G.
A. R. of Pawnee and wrapped in the
stars and stripes, probably the first
Rough Rider to be buried by the G. A. R. Under the new game law quall may be killed from October 15 to February 1; killed from October 15 to February 1; prairie chicken and wild turkey from September 1 to January 1; plover dove from August 1 to December 21. It is unlawful to catch, kill or maim insectivor-

ous birds, robins, red birds, wrens, mar

tins, swallows and so forth,

Oklahoma City Times-Journal: Charles Jordan, a hotel runner of this place, was arrested for rape yesterday and placed under \$500 bond. He is charged with en-ticing a young girl named Daisy Ford Into a house of illfame and accomplisheing her ruin. The girl came to this city in search of work and met the hotel runner who, she says, told her he could get her a place. Jordan will have his preliminary hearing next Saturday at 10 o'clock a. in. ng a robber entered the home of

Guthrle Leader: About 6:30 this morngressman Flynn and ransacked the lower roooms. Miss Dorothy, who has been sick for several days, was sleeping on the first floor, and hearing the noise sup-posed it was her mother and callled to The robber on hearing the call, jumped out of the window and made his escape. Mrs. Flynn was awakened by the noise and came down stairs. She looked through the house, but failed to miss any-

Along the Kansas Nile,

Out in western Kansas they speak of an old bachelor going east and bringing back

his lost rib. The Cherryvale Clarion speaks It was visiting day at the hospital, the which "made Kiling famous." Spinal meningitis is epidemic in Leav-

enworth, the disease starting January 25. There have been fourteen deaths. Oscar G. Thorne, the latest Kansas vol-unteer to lose his life at Manila, lived on a farm near Paola. He was 21 years

The charge is made against Reverend Embree at Topeka that one day he played a nickel in a slot machine. Oh! the bad,

Jerry Simpson says he will write a book

called: "If the Devil Came to Congress." The trusts would undoubtedly find that the devil would be to pay.

Lewelling, who took up the "White Tramp's Burden," knows what it is to reap your old reward, the jeers of those ye better, the laugh of those ye guard. State Treasurer Grimes has made five Popeka state banks depositories for state money, including the bank of which At-torney General Goddard is the president-

Jerre Botkin will gult politics and reenter the pulpit. Hereafter he will strive not to mix politics with his religion. There kin and a good deal that is not.

peka are waiting behind a bush with a muchete for Governor Stanley, who gave a reception to the members of the legis-

nd invited one newspaper man and alighted the others. Harry Tornbloom of McPherson county, as a Swedish dirk, the blade of which darts forth when a spring is touched. In playing with this the other day Torn-bloom touched the spring by mistake and cut a gash over a friend's heart.

Ben Weldon, one of the leading druggists in Emporia, and a man who an-noved the last (on years by meddlesoms Prohibitionists, is dead. The frequent ar-John England Challenor, expert acin Burralo, New York, Charles Finch speaks of him as 'one of the most innocent and unoffending thortals that ever had the

the prese of Kansas." Ingalis, of all the great minds of the present age, best realizes how keenly average American feels his partisan in leasness. It is astonishing how many there are in Kansas who would break for a better party if a better party were existence, which they can not believe. Mrs. Louise Reynolds, a well-to

had the harrow dragged over them by

Mrs. Louise Reynolds, a well-to-do widow at Atonison, who belongs to church wears dismonds and is good looking was recently found to be the person who has been trying to been the town. Spe was dressed in man's clothes when caught. She plended to be permitted to put on a dress, and while the pollocation, were waiting she shot here? there is the period of the pollocation.

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************************** Does It Pay The Eagle Want Column Try It

Last SUNDAY'S EAGLE had one hundred and sixtyfive Wants-four columns. It does pay!

without at Archison. Who before to church wear sheet by a Cuhan policeman found ing and win was recently found to be the person who has been trying to bern the town. She was dressed in man's clothes when caught. She plended to be permitted to put on a free, and while the policemen. At the policemen were waiting she shot herself through the image. She will live. She is undoubtedly reason.

At least one Fort Scott colored soldier who went to Cube with the Twenty-third reciment, did not return. It is jobn. Alisson, the mulatto who was respected to have stolen a diamond ring. In the special transmit standard out with it grant of four points and Corporal English and Corporal the South the Fort South company, are now in the city on a furnishment of the policemen, who was tried before a nouromartial, dishonorable of some time that allows on the set of some time to a street that Allows and the same time, but has completely constituted to serve four years in a military prison at Santiago but afterwards the sense of allowing that recovered. Mr. Bright tens of Allowing the same many the control of the policemen. She will live the policemen of the sense of the sense time, but has completely prison at Santiago in a same former of others went should be sense.

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